

Dear TRA,

As much as I love and plant trees, I am in favor of tree trimming along our highways for safety issues and possible loss of electric power during wind storms. Some trees are way too close to the pavement on some roads and should be removed or guarded by fencing or rails. Other trees are actually growing out and over the power lines at angles just awaiting to fall due to heavy snows, ice cover or soil deterioration due to excessive rain. Maybe the state should offer to plant young native trees in open areas if a healthy tree is severely trimmed or removed for safety sake.

Also, It angers me when I see tree trimmers throw beautiful fire wood logs and tree branches into wood chippers when hundreds of local tax payers and power company customers could use them to heat their homes during these severe economic times. Just pass a law that releases the state or CL&P from any liability should a citizen get injured while 'repurposing' trimmed trees for firewood to heat his or her home.

Thank you,

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